

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Divisional Application of SN: 09/053,094:

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Group Art Unit: **3739 (expected)**

Filed: **August 30, 2001**

Examiner: **John P. LEUBECKER (expected)**

For: **STEREOENDOSCOPE WHEREIN IMAGES HAVING PASSED THROUGH  
PLURAL INCIDENT PUPILS ARE TRANSMITTED BY COMMON RELAY  
OPTICAL SYSTEMS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

August 30, 2001

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please consider the applicants' remarks.

**REMARKS**

As indicated above, this is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

The applicants respectfully submit herewith copies of the substitute specification and the corresponding handwritten corrected application, which were filed in the prior application Serial No. 09/053,094.

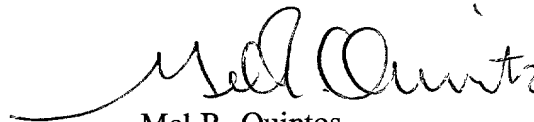
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If for any reason, the Examiner feels the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Substitute specification  
Handwritten corrected application